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1. The name of the HVA staff officer in charge of the liaison system is Inspekteur (fnu) Marlert. He thus controls the internal counter-intelligence system of the HVA. It still remains to be determined whether he is in fact an operative of the Ministry of State Security under cover as a staff officer with the HVA.

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**Comment :**

This liaison system consists of liaison officers of the HVA who cooperate closely with the second Sovietnik, the representative of the MVD, on the local Objekt level. It may be surmised that these local HVA representatives report, directly or through command channels, to Markert, since to date no other links between Markert and the Objekte have become known. If, in fact, Markert is an operative of the Ministry for State Security working within the HVA, we would not eliminate the possibility that the local liaison officers, supposed at present to be members of the HVA may be, in reality, State Security operatives in subordinate positions to Markert.

2. The dissolution and wholesale transfer of the Berlin (Treptow) Bereitschaft to the Zone has been explained to its personnel as a measure designed to improve training facilities which were deemed inadequate in the urban area of Berlin. For this reason the unit had to be transferred to a location where there are field training areas in the immediate vicinity. Among informed HVA circles no secret is made of the fact that the close personal relationship known to exist between Bereitschaft personnel and acquaintances and relatives across the sector boundary had given rise to serious concern. It finally was agreed that the Bereitschaft as a whole posed a security problem which could not be solved locally. In order to forestall serious unrest among the personnel affected, they were granted a semblance of free choice in picking the post to which they wanted to be assigned. The former head of the Berlin Bereitschaft, Kommandeur Tutlitz is on leave. It is believed that he will be transferred back to the Berlin Polizeipraesidium.

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3. The 1st Brandenburg Bereitschaft, formerly located in Kuestrin-Kietz, was moved into the former German Army barracks on Stalinallee, Potsdam. Part of the barracks is still occupied by a Soviet transport unit (Fahrbereitschaft) which refuses to vacate its space until orders have been received from Moscow. The 1st Brandenburg Bereitschaft is far behind schedule in its training program, mainly because it has to build its own housing facilities in Kuestrin-Kietz. - The new commandant of the Bereitschaft, the successor to Oberpolizeirat Kunz, is Oberpolizeirat Ritter, a former German artillery officer.
4. The 4th Brandenburg Bereitschaft, formerly located in Hohenstuecken, is now the 10th Thuringian Bereitschaft. It has been moved into Bereitschaft premises recently vacated by a B-Bereitschaft which was transferred to Erfurt. The training staff of the 10th Thuringian came from Loebau in Saxony. 50X1-HUM
5. The 7th Brandenburg Bereitschaft, which was housed in a castle at Bötzenburg, has been re-activated in a camp (Barackenlager) in Loebau, Saxony. It now bears the designation 9th Saxon Bereitschaft and is an artillery unit (B). The 7th Saxon Bereitschaft is also located in Loebau. 50X1-HUM
6. The net result of the recent re-shuffle is that there are now no 4th and 7th Brandenburg Bereitschaften, whereas one Bereitschaft each has been added to the Thuringian and Saxon total. 50X1-HUM
7. The commander of the Ordnance School in Dobrilugk is the former chief of the 4th Brandenburg Bereitschaft, Oberpolizeirat Buschmann. 50X1-HUM
8. The code designation "Aktion Olga", known to only a few selected officials of the HVA, conceals a major supply move designed to furnish B-Objekte (artillery) with "Grossgeraete". This latter term is HVA parlance for heavy artillery. A shipment of "Grossgeraete" reached the Artillery School at Zittau on 5 April. Laborious preparations were taken in order to keep the circle of persons informed about this shipment as small as possible. The deputy commandant of Zittau, Inspekteur Martin, and the Sovietnik, a Soviet Colonel, donned civilian clothes before going to the freight station. A special transport route was mapped out between the depot and the school barracks in order to avoid populated districts of Zittau. The unloading of the equipment took place late at night and was supervised by the school commandant, Inspekteur Balthasar, in person. Balthasar has implied that the equipment in question is, in contradistinction to previous issues, not for training purposes only. On 8 April Chief Inspekteur Heinrich Heitsch issued instructions that a suitable training area in the vicinity of Zittau be established on which new prime movers could be tested. As it turned out, no such training area could be found. 50X1-HUM
9. Kommandeur Karl Morgenstern of Hauptabteilung Polit/Kultur comes from Meissen/Saxony. Morgenstern, lives with his wife in an apartment on Wendenschlossstrasse 454, a section of East Berlin which almost exclusively houses officers of the HVA and their families. He joined the HVA in the fall of 1949. In the HVA he is charged with the management of all FDJ affairs. 50X1-HUM
10. In connection with the forthcoming FDJ rally, Morgenstern's functions are confined to the organization and supervision of the FDJ contest in the various Objekte. Special emphasis is placed on the fact that this contest was conceived as an FDJ, and not as an HVA, project. It is designed to activate the political and professional training in the Objekte. While directives of the Objekt command pertaining to the execution

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of the contest are not encouraged, the management of the contest is vested in a commission in which the Objekt command is represented. As regards the organization of the FDJ rally and the part played in it by the HVA, Morgenstern plays a secondary role. Whereas he does, through the local commissions, have a determining voice in the selections of unit effectives scheduled for participation in the rally, the tactical organization and the logistical support required is in the hands of the Operativ-Abteilung of Hauptabteilung Stab. [REDACTED] the 50X1-HUM  
Operativ-Abteilung will impose on each Objekt a levy to be met through the instrumentality of the FDJ contest commissions. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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